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SUMMARY: IN CONNECTION WITH UP-COMING FAO MEETINGS, ROME GENEVA  
GROUP SEPTEMBER 8 DISCUSSED COMMODITY MEETINGS AND FAO/UNCTAD

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RELATIONS. BASIC THEME OF VOCAL GENEVA GROUP MEMBERS WAS THAT

NEW FAO DIRECTOR GENERAL WAS REVERSING POLICY OF FAO LEADERSHIP  
IN COMMODITY FIELD AND THAT MEMBER STATES SHOULD ATTEMPT TO STIFFEN  
FAO'S POSITION. UK INDICATED THAT WAY TO DO THIS WAS TO PRESS  
FOR EARLY MEETING OF FAO COMMITTEE  
ON COMMODITY PROBLEMS (CCP) AND ALSO SEEK PROGRESS IN FAO INTER-  
GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS ON TEA AND JUTE. END SUMMARY.

1. U.S. LED OFF COMMODITY DISCUSSION BY GIVING BRIEF SUMMARY  
OF USG AIDE MEMOIRE ON OUR PREFERENCE TO USE EXISTING,  
EXPERT COMMODITY GROUPS TO FOLLOW UP ON UNCTAD IV COMMODITY  
RESOLUTION, ESPECIALLY EXISTING FAO'S INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS.  
WE ALSO EXPLAINED OUR PREFERENCE TO POSTPONE ALREADY SCHEDULED  
UNCTAD COMMODITY MEETINGS UNTIL AFTER UNCTAD TRADE AND  
DEVELOPMENT BOARD HAS MET, CREATED THE NEW AD HOC COMMITTEE AND  
THIS COMMITTEE HAD MET TO CONSIDER COORDINATION OF CONSULTATIONS  
ON COMMODITIES. NO ONE HAD HEARD ANY REACTIONS FROM CAPITALS  
OR UNCTAD.

2. SWEDEN IN RESPONSE SAID HE HAD JUST HEARD FAO'S CCP WOULD NOT  
MEET IN 1976, BUT ONLY IN THE SPRING OF 1977, MAYBE MAY. HE  
WONDERED IF THIS POSTPONEMENT OF CCP WAS RELATED.

3. UK RESPONDED THAT HE TOO HAD SPOKEN TO FAO AND LEARNED SAME  
THING EXCEPT SPRING DATE FOR CCP WAS EARLIEST AND FAO PLANNED TO  
CONSULT WITH GOVERNMENTS ON NEXT MEETING OF CCP. UK BELIEVES  
POSTPONEMENT IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO FAO'S WITHDRAWAL FROM COMMODITY  
BUSINESS. IN ORDER TO FORCE FAO BACK TO ITS PAST POLICY OF  
LEADERSHIP IN AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY DISCUSSIONS AND COORDINATE  
WORK OF INTER-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS, GENEVA GROUP MEMBERS SHOULD,  
IN VIEW OF UK, PRESS FAO TO CALL FOR EARLY SPRING 1977 CCP MEETING.  
(ACCORDING TO NORMAL PRACTICE FAO MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED BASED  
ON DISCUSSION AT LAST MEETING AND CONSULTATIONS WITH COMMITTEE  
PRESIDENT, IN THIS CASE HENRI JANTON OF FRANCE.)

4. UK ALSO POINTED OUT THAT IT HAD NOTIFIED FAO OF UK'S  
WILLINGNESS TO HOST NEXT MEETING OF IG ON TEA IN LONDON  
TOWARDS END OF JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY 1977. (IG ON TEA  
IS PROBABLY FURTHEST ALONG AMONG FAO COMMODITY GROUPS IN  
PREPARING A DRAFT TEA AGREEMENT WITH UK REWRITING ITS EARLIER  
OUTLINE FOR SUCH AN AGREEMENT. THE UK HAS ALSO BEEN A LEADER  
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IN THE FAO'S IG ON JUTE.)BEAUDRY

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